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## Stand and Deliver: Socratic Seminar Preparation

**Please answer each question in complete sentences in preparation for our Socratic Seminar. Reference specific details from the movie in each of your answers.**

1. "Students will rise to the level of expectations."
  - a. Explain the quote in your own words.
  - b. Mr. Escalante firmly believes this; do you? If you were asked to do something that seemed impossible, yet someone told you that you could achieve it, would you be willing to work as hard as the students in the film to meet or exceed expectations? Explain.

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2. "You only see the turn; you don't see the road ahead." Mr. Escalante says this to Frank (as they are driving in his car) when he wants to teach him that academics will eventually help him get a better job than quitting Calculus to become a mechanic.

a. What does it mean to only see the "turn" and not "the road ahead"?

b. Do you think students in general are able to take a long-term approach to their education?

Explain.

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3. "There are people in this world who will assume that you know LESS than you do because of your name or your complexion."

a. Explain this quote in your own words.

b. Is it ever right to make assumptions about someone based on their name, complexion, gender, age or occupation? Defend your answer.

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4. "Those scores would have never been questioned if my kids did not have Spanish surnames and come from barrio schools." Mr. Escalante says this to his wife after his students are accused of cheating.

a. Do you agree with Mr. Escalante's statement? Explain.

b. Do you think society has different expectations for different racial or ethnic groups? For example, do you think society expects Caucasian or Asian students to be better at math than other groups? Explain.

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5. "Math is the great equalizer."

a. Explain this quote in your own words.

b. Do you agree with Mr. Escalante's statement? Explain.

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